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Mr. Michael Barta
299 Lake Road
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920Re: National Gypsum, Company, Millington

Dear Mr. Barta:

Your recent letter to Governor Byrne regarding an asbestos problem at Millington has been forwarded to me for response.

We are equally concerned about the National Gypsum Company site and have taken legal steps to remedy the situation. Specifically, the Department of Environmental Protection has issued an Order to this company to institute site engineering modifications, thus eliminating potential asbestos exposure. These engineering plans were recently approved, and National Gypsum has been directed to immediately begin site clean-up. In order to assure compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Order, we will have our field personnel make periodic site inspections. In any event, the Company has until December 31, 1978 to complete all remedial work.

In addition, United States Environmental Protection Agency testing of your drinking water confirmed that the Passaic Valley Water Authority filtration processes remove asbestos particles that may exist in the untreated water, and that no asbestos fibers have been found in said drinking water.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Citizens like yourself are an invaluable source of information for our Department.

Very truly yours,

Beatrice S. Tylutki, Director
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